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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## WOMAN SENTENCED IN BMV FRAUD CASE

## PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ELIZABETH LANG, 41, formerly of Greenwood, Indiana and currently from Pembroke Pines, Florida, was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following her guilty plea to various crimes related to assisting illegal Chinese nationals fraudulently acquire Indiana drivers licenses and identification cards. This case was the result of a 18 month investigation jointly conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service Financial Crimes Task Force and the Safe Streets Task Force.

LANG, her husband, and three individuals from Flushings, New York were charged with providing false and fraudulent passports, visas, other immigration documents, and foreign drivers licenses to illegal Chinese nationals for their use in acquiring Indiana drivers licenses or identification cards. "The crimes charged are serious and a posed a substantial threat to this nation's ability to know who is within its borders," stated United States Attorney Susan W. Brooks. "Once an illegal alien has gained access to this country, these cards played a significant role in allowing the illegal aliens to remain undetected in this country. Drivers licenses and identification cards can be used for a variety of purposes from evidence of lawful admittance to the United States, to obtaining employment, bank accounts, social security cards, to the dangerous extreme of providing cover for one who is here to harm others in this country," added Brooks.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Sharon M. Jackson, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 3 years supervised release following LANG's release from imprisonment. Also according to Jackson, the others charged in this case, Adam Lang, Ping Shen and Xiao Gu, have filed plea documents in the case and will be sentenced at a later time. The fifth individual has yet to be apprehended.

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